

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-17. (canceled)

18 (Original) A reclosable bag comprising:

a body having an opening and opposing walls; and

a fastener tape mounted in said opening, said fastener tape comprising a profile fastener carried by an intermediate layer, said intermediate layer being defined by a lip and a wall opposite said lip;

wherein portions of said lip and said opposite wall are sealed to opposite bag walls;

wherein said lip is peel sealed to said opposite wall on a side of said profile fastener adjacent said bag opening;

wherein said lip is sealed to said opposite wall at the ends of said fastener tape; and wherein said end seals merge with said peel seal.

19. (Original) A reclosable bag comprising:

a body having an opening and opposing walls;

a fastener tape mounted in said opening, said fastener tape comprising a profile fastener carried by an intermediate layer, said intermediate layer being defined by an upper flange, a lip connected to said upper flange, a lower flange opposite said upper flange, and an opposite wall connected to said lower flange;

wherein portions of said lip and said opposite wall are sealed to opposite bag walls;

wherein said upper flange is peel sealed to said lower flange on the side of said profile fastener opposite said bag opening;

wherein said upper flange is sealed to said lower flange at the ends of said fastener tape and

wherein said end seals merge with said peel seal.

20. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 18 wherein said opposing bag walls are sealed together by said end seals.

21. (Original) The method according to claim 19 wherein said opposing bag walls are sealed together by said end seals.